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## EDITORIAL

### PARK IMPROVEMENT.

The Citizen is more than glad to again call the attention of the public to the fact that the people of Cimarron are beginning to get together and do things to the betterment of Cimarron. They are learning that without hearty co-operation, it is extremely hard for one man, two men or even a dozen men to do all the planning and all the work. It is too apparent to even need comment, that the building of a city, in every sense of the word, takes untiring effort and unflagging zeal on the part of every one. In a newly awakened city like Cimarron, it takes some time for its inhabitants to get acquainted with the aims and plans of each other, and while there may be as many ideas on any particular plan of improvement, as there are people in the city, still there are now and then some plans in which all can join and take an active part. That this is true is evidenced by the fact that the City Park is being improved in a most approved manner, and by popular subscription. This speaks well for the enterprise and push of the Cimarron merchants and business men. Harry Grubbs is the one to whom the credit for the beginning of this improvement is due. He offered to give his time and attention to the park and to take full charge of the improvements to be made on it, all free of charge. Under his direction a subscription list was sent around to the different business houses and to individuals, and a most liberal sum was raised. Some subscribed money, some labor and some of the merchants donated the blue grass seed for the park. The fence posts were donated, the wire was donated, and the water was freely given. In fact, every one that could afford to do so, contributed his share. A miniature lake has been dug, and will be made the center of a system of irrigation ditches. Shrubs and trees are to be planted out, in fact, a few trees have already been planted, walks are laid out, and will soon be built. In fact, everything has been done to make the park as pretty a little place as could be desired, time only being necessary to make this prospect a reality.

The Citizen is very much pleased as this display of good feeling on the part of the citizens of Cimarron, and rejoices in the fact that our business men are a live progressive body of men, and that they are willing to sacrifice time, money and energy toward making their city one of beauty. Cimarron has all the natural advantages in the way of beauty that any city could want. A little care and attention will make it the most beautiful city in the southwest.

Another thing that is pleasing to the Citizen, is the fact that its campaign for the planting of trees has not been without results. During the past month, a large number of trees have been planted all around the city, and before long, the streets will be a continual stretch of shady walks, if the present rate of planting continues. The property owners are to be congratulated for their actions.

### THE CIMARRON VALLEY

The Citizen is in receipt of a letter from the far east, which it thinks worth while publishing, if only to show what others think of our Cimarron Valley. As the writer states, "There is something about the southwest, and especially the Cimarron Valley, that is intrinsically beautiful. Whether it is the spirit of romance, connected with its past history, whether it is its continual sunshine, its superb weather, its rare nights, glorious air, blue sky or its scenery, who can tell? Perhaps it is the one or the other. Perhaps it is the combination of all. Perhaps it is the opportunity that can be found here, but what it is, the ever cogent wish to be back is present in the breasts of the exiles from the Valley. It is like the drug habit, hard to break."

The following is an extract from the letter referred to, and the fact that the writer signs himself "Yours longingly" is eloquent in itself, as demonstrating the spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction felt by the wand-

erer from the Cimarron Valley.

"There is a tradition that each of those who have once tasted the pure cold water of its mountain streams and gone their way, return sometime to drink again. Certain it is that those who have come to know this particular spot, and for this reason or that, have been compelled to leave it, never cease to regret the circumstances that compel their absence, and ever long to return. Each day there appears somewhere in the midst of those, who well knowing that they can never be contented elsewhere, have wisely pitched their tents for life in this charming Valley, a prodigal who has absented himself for an interval. To the question "why did you return," comes always the same old answer, "I stayed away as long as I could." Many have fallen under the spell while sojourning for their health, and this regained have departed for the eastern homes which bind them by all the ties of family, friendship and business, only to find that unwittingly perhaps, before leaving the spot that gave them back their health, they had omitted to pull up their picket pins, and that while invisible to them may have stretched, to the other side of the earth even, they are unable to break them, and always inexorably, unceasingly, these bonds are drawing, drawing them back to that region whose greatest charms were possibly not impressed on them until they had gone away. Some there are, in far off places, who, never yielding, still resist their inclination to return, but more there be who give up the unequal struggle early and come trailing in after a few short months, glad to get back and resolved to stay."

Yours longingly."  
The writer made his only stampede for freedom after being in the Cimarron Valley about a year, openly declaring and boasting of his intention never to return, but he was back in a month and will never run on his rope again.

The Tucumcari News has the following kind words for the Citizen, which are greatly appreciated, coming as they do from a paper with such undoubted standing in its own community. The Citizen is glad to get such nice bouquets from such a source, and cheerfully returns it to the News with interest. The editor of the News not only knows how to get out a good paper himself, but he puts his knowledge into practice.

"The Cimarron Citizen is among the best weekly publications of the southwest and certainly is entitled to the unqualified support of the people of that locality. A good newspaper means a prosperous community always."

## MOB AFTER MURDERER

Induced to Depart Only When Shown Negro Was Not There

Pueblo, May 18.—Determined to lynch Jim Lynn, the negro who shot and killed Sarah James, a 17-year-old white girl, and probably fatally wounded her mother last week, a mob of several hundred people gathered at the county jail tonight and were only induced to depart when a committee of five and later a committee of ten were conducted through the jail by the sheriff, who convinced them that the negro was not in the building. Lynn is in jail at Colorado Springs and a plan to go there for the negro was discussed but later abandoned.

Lynn was captured at Limon Saturday night. He denied his identity until yesterday, when Pueblo officers identified him. He was brought back

to Pueblo and will probably be removed to Colorado Springs for safe keeping until excitement dies down in Pueblo.

Lynn tells a peculiar story. He says that for the past six months he has been lying to his wife regarding the amount of wages he received and giving one-half of it to Mrs. Julia James. He says that the mother encouraged him to do this when the county commissioners were preparing to take her children from her home and as a return for his favors, promised that no other man should ever visit her. He also says that he firmly intended to kill Joe O'Neal on the morning that the tragedy occurred, and fled believing he had done so.

## FARMHAND CONFESSES

Statement of Pole Clears Up Mattawan, N. J. Murder Mystery; Money is Taken

Mattawan, N. J., May 18.—Although the county authorities deny it, there is good reason to believe that Frank Zastera, the Polish farm hand, has made a confession that he killed Mr. and Mrs. William B. Shepherd and their servant, Miss Jennie Bendy, who were found murdered in Mr. Shepherd's farmhouse Saturday morning. Zastera's statement is reported to be to the effect that he killed Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd in order to get the money which he knew Mr. Shepherd had in his possession.

According to the story that Zastera is alleged to have told, he waited in the parlor of the house Saturday morning until Mrs. Shepherd came down stairs to warm a bottle of milk for her baby, and as she was returning upstairs with the milk shot her in the side and head with her husband's shotgun. At the sound of the shooting Shepherd came running down stairs. Zastera was standing in the hall with the gun in his hands, and when Shepherd was half way down, fired a charge of shot into his side. Shepherd dropped on the stairs and his body fell upon that of his wife. Zastera, according to his reported confession, then entered the kitchen with the gun, and meeting Jennie Bendy, shot her in the breast. All three were instantly killed.

## 15 CHINESE IN BARRELS

Smuggled as Merchandise From Mexico to New York

El Paso, Tex., May 18.—Chinatown here is in a state of excitement over a telegram from New York stating that fifteen barrels shipped from this place as merchandise were received at the establishment of Quong Yien on Pell street, New York, each containing the body of a Chinaman.

This is the result of a new trick to get smuggled Chinese out of El Paso to a place of safety. Three weeks ago a shipload of 400 Chinamen arrived at Salina Cruz, Mexico, and proceeded to Juarez, from which locality attempts have been made to enter the United States.

Within the last two weeks the immigration force guarding the border at this place has been greatly increased. Squads of Celestials have been turned back, but notwithstanding all vigilance, many have been able to get into El Paso. The difficulty is in getting out, as all trains are closely inspected.

For many years smuggling Chinese has been an active and lucrative business in El Paso and those who ply it are experts in tricks for evading the law. The barrel trick is the latest. In addition to the fifteen barrels shipped to New York, ten were billed to Chicago and have not yet reached their destination. Several prominent Chinese residents of this place suspected of smuggling left here for the north a few days ago, presumably to look for the missing barrels.

Various rumors are afloat concerning them, the latest being to the effect that their contents was discovered by a railroad employee; that two of the Chinamen were found dead, but that the remaining thirteen were liberated.

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